



AT THE FOUNDATION

COMMUNICATION AMONG FRIENDS
IN THE CALIFORNIA ARBORETUM FOUNDATION

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

QUEEN ANNE FROLIC SET FOR SEPT. 13

R. KIRK EVANS TO HEAD FOUNDATION FOR SECOND YEAR

The Board of Trustees of the California Arboretum Foundation unanimously elected R. Kirk Evans as its president to lead the organization for a second year.

Elected to serve with him are: Dr. Craig Potter, first vice-president; Alice Frost Thomas, second vice-president; R. Bruce McCallum, secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Evans said he was proud of the accomplishments of the Foundation's 37th year.

He recalled the many foreign visitors to the gardens during the Summer Olympic games and the tour sheet provided for them in six languages; Wendy Sekovich's immensely popular Adult Education classes; the success of major plant and garden shows; the wonderful volunteers from Las Voluntarias y Los Ayudantes; construction of the koi pond; enhancements in the Historical area at the Hugo Reid Adobe; the success of the matching fund program.

Evans says, "Of course, this only hits the surface and leaves out many important names and projects and passes way too quickly over the thousands of volunteer hours spent on the Arboretum's behalf."

"It is our members interest, our Trustees' dedication, volunteer action and staff services which make the gardens an exciting and beautiful place to visit."

In thanking Committee Chairmen, president Evans thanked Alice Thomas for her role in many aspects of the garden's activities including membership and Huck Finn Day.

He singled out Jim Curry for his ongoing job guiding the Building Committee.

He praised Robin Stafford for her upbeat leadership of Las Voluntarias y Los Ayudantes which is responsible for the success of our large plant shows, major fund raising events as well as Historical areas and the Garden of All Seasons.

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LAS VOLUNTARIAS Y LOS AYUDANTES — THE VOLUNTEERS, THE HELPERS

It is the green and white badge which distinguishes these special people. The badge indicates a member of Las Voluntarias y Los Ayudantes, the volunteers and the helpers of the California Arboretum Foundation.

We salute this large group of volunteers in recognition of the thousands of hours spent enhancing the gardens, assisting visitors, planning and carrying out the major events at the Arboretum, such as the Queen Anne Frolic.

The group was started by Maria Stewart, wife of William S. Stewart, director of the Arboretum from 1955 to 1969. She and 25 friends met as the Historical Committee interested mostly in the Queen Anne Cottage and the Hugo Reid Adobe. They would keep the cottage and the adobe clean adding fresh flowers to colorfully improve the setting of these historic buildings.

Joy Otte and Miriam Kirk were two of the original group who still maintain a sustaining membership in the group.

Joy has reported recently that early meetings were held upstairs in the Coach Barn. Everyone brought a sack lunch which was put in the corner while the cleaning activities ensued. Meeting for lunch, the group often found that mice had dug into their lunch sacks, beginning without them.

Although Betty Duffield served as the first chairman, Alice Thomas was the first president of "Las Vols." During Alice's term by-laws were written and activities expanded to volunteer aid throughout the garden.

Membership now stands at 261 active, 32 provisional and 28 sustaining.

COLUMN WILL RETURN

Wendy Sekovich's column will return in the next edition of "At the Foundation" with Fall garden hints.

GOOD OLD FASHIONED FUN PLANNED

The California Arboretum Foundation will sponsor the Queen Anne Frolic Friday, September 13 giving members and friends a chance to enjoy an evening's entertainment on the green between the Coach Barn and the 100 year old Queen Anne Cottage.

Included in the evening will be a buffet dinner, a variety of musical entertainment including the Home Savings Band which will play old favorites for after-dinner dancing.

Invitations will be mailed to Foundation members. Therein will be information concerning times and ticket costs. (As always, further information can be obtained by calling the Foundation office, (818) 447-8207.) Reservations are necessary for the Queen Anne Frolic.

The party begins the minute you enter the gardens. You will be met by Jerry Reilly's Dixieland Band, the Band that "wowed 'em" at Huck Finn Day. The Arboretum Tram will speed you to the Hugo Reid Adobe. Here, you will be greeted by a Mariachi Band.

As Virginia Wilson, chairman of the event for Las Voluntarias y Los Ayudantes comments, "It is really going to be a musical evening!"

Mrs. Wilson continues, "We hope to see a large number of our guests in Victorian attire. We think it adds to the color of the evening at the Arboretum."

In fact, those wearing 1890's costumes will be photographed and presented with an 8 x 10 picture. What a fantasy! Dressed as Elias J., Anita or Clara Baldwin or one of their many ranch guests, riding the acreage in one of the available old cars or surry, pulling up in front of the Queen Anne Cottage and waltzing grandly through the parlours on a specially guided tour. It will be quite an evening.

The "old fashioned" surroundings are here. We need you as a guest.

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Frank Regan was thanked for his work as chairman of Special Events Committee and the new ground that group is covering.

Jack Shepherd's Planning Committee was commended for its role in shaping the Foundation future.

The Fund Raising Committee under the direction of Dick Ray was accorded high marks for its first year effort.

Bill Peters, Chairman of the Public Information Committee, and editor of our fine newsletter, "At The Foundation."

Wedding Coordinator, Eileen Hume, was thanked for her continuing efforts with wedding groups.

Finally, Evans thanked the Foundation Staff: Mary Ann Peckham, Executive Secretary; Joan Malafronte, Administrative Assistant; George Boyer, Accountant; Lonna Brock, Membership Secretary; He reported their efforts keep the work of the Foundation moving smoothly due to their extraordinary hard work and continued enthusiasm.

PATTY RIDER TO LEAD "LAS VOLS"

At the June 10 General Meeting of Las Voluntarias y Los Ayudantes, Mrs. William (Patty) Rider was elected president; Jane Feldstein, first vice-president, membership; Jane Kaler second vice-president, volunteer coordinator.

Patty was welcomed to the Board of Trustees by president Kirk Evans at the Trustee's June 18 board meeting saying "Las Vols" is the important volunteer arm of the California Arboretum Foundation.

Mrs. Rider said, "Robin Stafford will be difficult to follow, but "Las Vols" has such wonderful people to work with that I am looking forward to the year very much."

Patty is a native of St. Louis, Mo, and a graduate of Washington University, St. Louis. She has recently served as coordinator of the State pre-school program and Child Development Center for Monrovia Schools.

She and her husband, Bill, have lived in Arcadia 26 years. They have three grown children.

The family's interest in the Arboretum stems from classes her children took at the Arboretum. She says she hopes to continue the long history of accomplishment "Las Vols" have been responsible for in the past.

LAS VOLUNTARIAS Y LOS AYUDANTES HONOR LONG TIME MEMBERS

Recognized at the June 10 General Meeting of Las Vols were 77 valuable volunteers. Ten year members were presented Sterling Silver pins of the Foundation logo. Fifteen year members received a silver pin with a shield.

15+ YEAR MEMBERS

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10 + YEAR MEMBERS

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Dorothy Kay	

COMING EVENTS

SEPT. 7 and 8 — 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. — Ayres Hall

Ivy Show. A nationwide sampling of ivy cultivars will be on display at the American Ivy Society Convention hosted by the California chapter. Hanging baskets and table centerpieces will show off the many different ivies with leaves that may be curly, lacy or flecked with gold. One display will feature miniature ivies and another will show antique curiosities such as "Small Deal" and "Paper Doll," an ivy whose leaves look as if they had been snipped into erratic designs with a scissors. During two demonstrations each day, visitors can learn how to create their own hanging ivy baskets. Four horticulturists will also talk about how to keep ivy healthy by controlling diseases, insects and irrigation. Some ivy plants will also be for sale. Sponsored by the California Arboretum Foundation.

SEPT. 13 — Queen Anne Frolic — 5:30 to 11:00 Historic Section — Ayres Hall

SEPT. 22 — 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Turtle and Tortoise Show. Desert tortoises, box turtles and iguanas are some of the reptiles and amphibians exhibited at the 21st annual show held by the California Turtle and Tortoise Club, Foothill Chapter. Exotic frogs, such as the bright orange and blue African frog, and several baby alligators are also slated to be on display. Members will be present to answer questions and disperse "Adopt-a-Tortoise" forms as well as sell plants and turtle-related items and jewelry. Sponsored by the California Arboretum Foundation.

SEPT. 28-29 — 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. — Ayres Hall

Bonsai Show. Over 100 displays of trees trained in ancient oriental bonsai form are the highlights of the annual Akebono Bonsai Society show. All styles of bonsai, including mame, formal, upright and cascade will be prominently displayed. Demonstrations teaching bonsai training and care techniques will be given daily at 2 p.m. Members will also be present throughout the two-day event to answer questions and sell plants and bonsai-related items as well as pass out literature. Sponsored by the California Arboretum Foundation.

AUGUST 17 & 18 — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Ayres Hall

Art exhibit. Over 75 artworks by members of the 35-year-old Pomona Valley Arts League will be showcased at the mixed-media show. While most of the displayed works will follow a plants and flowers theme, abstracts and portraits will also be included. The 300 members of the league specialize in oils, watercolor, sculpture and jewelry. Sponsored by the California Arboretum Foundation.

AUGUST 31 through SEPTEMBER 2 — 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. — Ayres Hall

Fern and exotic plant show. Very unusual ferns will highlight the annual Los Angeles International Fern Society Show. Bamboos, aloes, lilies and other exotic plants will also be showcased. Terrariums will be displayed, illustrating options for exotic plant lovers living in apartments. Ferns, terrariums, and exotic plants will be sold by members who will also answer questions. Sponsored by the California Arboretum Foundation.

SOCIETIES MEET AT ARBORETUM — YOU'RE INVITED

Each edition of "At the Foundation" lists Coming Events designed to encourage full participation in Arboretum activities.

Here, you will find the name of as many as 22 societies which meet monthly advancing knowledge of special plants.

As you scan Coming Events we hope you will be tempted to check into one of the wide variety of plant interests drawing as many as 40 people to meetings, hundreds to shows.

Last September's edition listed, for instance, the Fern Show which ran three days and featured collections of ferns, carnivorous plants, orchids, bromeliads and philodendrons. The listing revealed that "Herbs used for cooking and fragrance will also be exhibited among the hundreds of displays."

But, finally, this. "Society members will answer questions and sell dried flowers and pods..." You see, that is the invitation for you to review this, or the Ivy Show, or the Orchid Show, or the Rose

Show to spot your horticultural interest. It is, as well, the opportunity to meet the friendly members of these groups.

Leaders of these Societies want you to know you are welcome to attend meetings as members are truly hospitable. But, most of us are shy about bursting into a meeting, invading alien territory in a conspicuous manner. That is why most Society presidents recommend the shows held throughout the year as a chance to explore the depth of your interest in special plants and get to meet members as well.

It is hard not to envy those who have become expert in, say, herbs or begonias; or those who easily say epiphyllum or shohin.

For your help we are listing the names of all Societies now meeting at the Arboretum. Our Coming Events listing will keep you up to date but for complete information call the Grounds Superintendent's office at (818) 446-8251, ext. 28. Ask for Mary Ann Camperi.

1985 SOCIETY MEETINGS

Akebono Bonsai Society
Arcadia Garden Club
Ariel Society
Begonia Society, San Gabriel Valley
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Bromeliad Society
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Cactus and Succulent of America
Camellia Society, Southern California
Camellia Society, Temple City
Cymbidium Society of America, San Gabriel Valley
Entomological Association of Southern California
Epiphyllum Society of America
Fern Society, Los Angeles International
Geranium Society
Herb Society of America, Southern California
Hemerocallis and Amaryllis Society, Southern California
Iris Society, Southern California
Orchid Hobbyists, San Gabriel Valley
Pacific Rose Society
Rare Fruit Growers, Southern California
Santa Anita Bonsai Society
Shohin Bonsai Society

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